## Spartanburg 1

**ABSOLUTE RATING:** 

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

**Absolute Ratings of Similar Districts** 

Unsatisfactory Below Average Average Good Excellent

#### **Definitions of District Rating Terms**

Excellent- District performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC

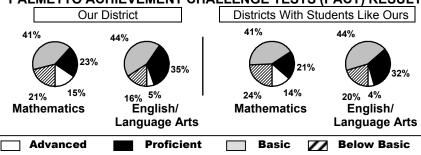
Good

Good- District performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal. Average- District performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average- District is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC

Unsatisfactory- District performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

# PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



#### **DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:**

- Advanced Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient Student performance met expectations.
- Basic Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

| PERFORMANCE BY S                            | TUDENT GR                     | ROUPS          |                                    |               |              |                                   |                |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------|
| Student Group                               | Exit Exam<br>Rate by Spi<br>N |                | Eligibil<br>for LIF<br>Schola<br>N |               |              | nts Scoring<br>ve on The<br>% ELA | •              |
| All students                                | 262                           | 92.7%          | 221                                | 20.8%         | 1,965        | 84.3%                             | 78.9%          |
| Students with disabilitie other than speech | s 15                          | 86.7%          | 21                                 | 0.0%          | 278          | 64.7%                             | 52.9%          |
| Students without disabilities               | 245                           | 93.1%          | 200                                | 23.0%         | 1,685        | 87.7%                             | 83.3%          |
| Gender                                      |                               |                |                                    |               |              |                                   |                |
| Male                                        | 123                           | 91.9%          | 103                                | 18.4%         | 989          | 81.2%                             | 79.7%          |
| Female                                      | 137                           | 93.4%          | 118                                | 22.9%         | 976          | 87.5%                             | 78.1%          |
| Ethnic Group                                |                               |                |                                    |               |              |                                   |                |
| African American                            | 24                            | 75.0%          | 22                                 | 4.5%          | 259          | 71.8%                             | 59.1%          |
| Hispanic                                    | 5                             | 100.0%         | 4                                  | I/S           | 30           | 56.7%                             | 56.7%          |
| White                                       | 228                           | 94.3%          | 195                                | 23.1%         | 1,643        | 87.0%                             | 82.3%          |
| Other                                       | 3                             | I/S            | 0                                  | N/A           | 33           | 75.8%                             | 81.8%          |
| Lunch Status                                |                               |                |                                    |               |              |                                   |                |
| Free/reduced-price lunce Pay for lunch      | ch 46<br>212                  | 80.4%<br>95.3% | 22<br>199                          | 0.0%<br>23.1% | 850<br>1,112 | 77.5%<br>89.7%                    | 71.1%<br>85.0% |

N equals number of students on which percentages are calculated.

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# TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

|                                   | First-time Examinees |       |       |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------|-------|--|--|--|
|                                   | 2000                 | 2001  | 2002  |  |  |  |
| Our district                      |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
| Passed all 3 subtests             | 72.5%                | 73.5% | 74.2% |  |  |  |
| Passed 2 subtests                 | 15.8%                | 14.6% | 15.1% |  |  |  |
| Passed 1 subtest                  | 7.3%                 | 7.5%  | 7.0%  |  |  |  |
| Passed no subtest                 | 4.4%                 | 4.5%  | 3.7%  |  |  |  |
|                                   |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
| Districts with students like ours |                      |       |       |  |  |  |
| Passed all 3 subtests             | 74.8%                | 74.6% | 73.3% |  |  |  |
| Passed 2 subtests                 | 14.5%                | 15.1% | 15.7% |  |  |  |
| Passed 1 subtest                  | 7.2%                 | 6.9%  | 7.2%  |  |  |  |
| Passed no subtest                 | 3.5%                 | 3.4%  | 3.7%  |  |  |  |

#### LIFE scholarships at four-year institutions\*

|                             |            | Percent of Seniors            |                 |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
|                             |            | Meeting Grade Point           | Meeting SAT/ACT |
|                             | Eligible   | Average Requirement           | Requirement     |
| Our District                | 20.8       | 64.3                          | 20.8            |
| Districts Like Ours         | 24.9       | 57.9                          | 25.7            |
| *Using the criteria for stu | udents who | entered college in fall 2001. |                 |

#### College Admissions Tests: Tests that are frequently used in the college admissions process.

|          | SAT       | SAT       | SAT       | ACT       | ACT       | ACT       | ACT       | ACT       |
|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|          | Verbal    | Math      | Total     | English   | Math      | Reading   | Science   | Total     |
|          | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 | 2001 2002 |
| District | 475 472   | 476 473   | 951 945   | 18.4 18.8 | 18.4 18.5 | 19.1 19.4 | 18.6 19.1 | 18.7 19.1 |
| State    | 486 488   | 488 493   | 974 981   | 18.8 18.8 | 19.3 19.1 | 19.5 19.3 | 19.2 19.2 | 19.3 19.2 |
| Nation   | 506 504   | 514 516   | 1020 1020 | 20.5 20.2 | 20.7 20.6 | 21.3 21.1 | 21.0 20.8 | 21.0 20.8 |

These tests were administered to samples of students:

#### Terra Nova Test: A national, norm-referenced achievement test. Percent scoring in upper half

|          | Reading |        | Language |        | M     | ath    | Total |        |
|----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
|          | State   | Nation | State    | Nation | State | Nation | State | Nation |
| Grade 4  | 47.8    | 50.0.  | 43.1     | 50.0   | 58.4  | 50.0   | 50.5  | 50.0   |
| Grade 7  | 45.8    | 50.0   | 59.4     | 50.0   | 54.7  | 50.0   | 53.9  | 50.0   |
| Grade 10 | 59.6    | 50.0   | 59.5     | 50.0   | 62.4  | 50.0   | 59.1  | 50.0   |

National Assessment of Education Progress: A national, criterion-referenced achievement test.

#### **Percents of Students**

|             |       |      | Adv   | anced  | Pro   | ficient | B     | asic   | Belov | v Basic |
|-------------|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|---------|-------|--------|-------|---------|
| Test        | Grade | Year | State | Nation | State | Nation  | State | Nation | State | Nation  |
| Reading     | 4     | 1998 | 4     | 6      | 18    | 23      | 33    | 32     | 45    | 39      |
| Writing     | 8     | 1998 | 0     | 1      | 15    | 23      | 64    | 59     | 21    | 17      |
| Mathematics | 4     | 2000 | 2     | 3      | 16    | 23      | 42    | 43     | 40    | 31      |

ABBREVIATIONS FOR MISSING DATA

N/A - Not Applicable

N/C - Not Collected

N/R - Not Reported

I/S - Insufficient Sample





<sup>\*</sup>Using the criteria for students who entered college in fall 2001.

# DISTRICT PROFILE INDICATORS OF DISTRICT PERFORMANCE

|                                                                          | This<br>District | Change from<br>Last Year | With Students Like Ours | Median<br>District |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| DISTRICT                                                                 |                  |                          |                         |                    |
| Dollars per student                                                      | \$6,843          | Up 9.9%                  | \$6,443                 | \$7,072            |
| Prime instructional time                                                 | 90.1%            | Down from 91.1%          | 90.3%                   | 89.9%              |
| <ul> <li>Student-teacher ratio</li> </ul>                                | 20.9 to 1        | Down from 21.8 to 1      | 22.1 to 1               | 18.6 to 1          |
| <ul> <li>Vacancies for more than<br/>nine weeks</li> </ul>               | 0.0%             | Down from 0.6%           | 0.0%                    | 0.4%               |
| STUDENTS (n=4,381)                                                       |                  |                          |                         |                    |
| <ul> <li>Advanced placement/<br/>Int'l baccalaureate program:</li> </ul> |                  |                          |                         |                    |
| Participation Rate                                                       | 9.3%             | N/A                      | 10.1%                   | 9.3%               |
| Exam Success Rate                                                        | 47.8%            | N/A                      | 58.9%                   | 52.7%              |
| Attendance Rate                                                          | 95.5%            | No change                | 96.2%                   | 96.0%              |
| <ul> <li>Taking PACT (ELA) off grade level</li> </ul>                    | 7.1%             | Up from 4.8%             | 7.2%                    | 7.1%               |
| <ul> <li>Taking PACT (Math) off grade level</li> </ul>                   | 4.1%             | Up from 3.2%             | 4.4%                    | 5.6%               |
| Retention rate                                                           | 3.1%             | Up from 2.6%             | 4.2%                    | 5.6%               |
| TEACHERS (n=325)                                                         |                  |                          |                         |                    |
| <ul> <li>Professional development<br/>days per teacher</li> </ul>        | 5.0 Days         | Down from 8.8Days        | 5.0 Days                | 5.0 Days           |
| Attendance rate                                                          | 95.8%            | Down from 96.6%          | 95.4%                   | 95.0%              |
| Advanced Degrees                                                         | 55.1%            | Up from 53.5%            | 52.3%                   | 46.6%              |
| Continuing contracts                                                     | 84.3%            | Up from 78.8%            | 84.8%                   | 83.1%              |
| Out-of-field permits                                                     | 0.9%             | Down from 1.6%           | 1.7%                    | 2.0%               |
| <ul> <li>Teachers returning from the<br/>previous year</li> </ul>        | 89.7%            | Down from 90.5%          | 90.4%                   | 88.6%              |
| Average salary                                                           | \$41,017         | Up 5.8%                  | \$40,687                | \$39,023           |
|                                                                          |                  |                          |                         |                    |

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#### **DISTRICT FACTS**

| DISTRICT                                                               |           |                 |           |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|
| Annual dropout rate                                                    | 1.4%      | Down from 2.0%  | 2.1%      | 3.1%      |
| <ul> <li>Percentage spent on<br/>teacher salaries</li> </ul>           | 56.5%     | Down from 56.9% | 55.0%     | 53.7%     |
| <ul> <li>Superintendent's years in the district</li> </ul>             | 15.0      | Up from 14.0    | 9.5       | 3.0       |
| <ul> <li>Parent conferences</li> </ul>                                 | 99.0%     | Up from 73.8%   | 96.6%     | 93.9%     |
| Opportunities in the arts                                              | Excellent | No change       | Excellent | Excellent |
| <ul> <li>Number of schools</li> </ul>                                  | 9         | No change       | 10        | 8         |
| <ul> <li>Number of alternative schools</li> </ul>                      | 0         | No change       | 0         | 0         |
| <ul> <li>Number of charter schools</li> </ul>                          | 0         | No change       | 0         | 0         |
| <ul> <li>Number of magnet schools</li> </ul>                           | 0         | No change       | 0         | 0         |
| <ul> <li>Portable classrooms</li> </ul>                                | 7.1%      | Up from 0.7%    | 5.3%      | 6.6%      |
| <ul> <li>Attendance rate of district office staff</li> </ul>           | 99.2%     | Up from 97.7%   | 97.2%     | 96.8%     |
| <ul> <li>Average administrative<br/>salary</li> </ul>                  | \$71,869  | Up 6.8%         | \$69,582  | \$66,570  |
| STUDENTS                                                               |           |                 |           |           |
| Enrollment in adult education<br>GED or diploma programs               | 65        | N/A             | 116       | 129       |
| Number of completions in<br>adult education GED or<br>diploma programs | 25        | N/A             | 39        | 37        |
| <ul> <li>Suspensions and expulsions</li> </ul>                         | 0.2%      | N/A             | 1.1%      | 1.5%      |
| Percent eligible for state<br>gifted and talented programs             | 14.9%     | Up from 11.4%   | 14.9%     | 10.6%     |
| <ul> <li>Percentage with disabilities<br/>other than speech</li> </ul> | 11.2%     | Down from 11.9% | 11.5%     | 10.7%     |
| 4201                                                                   |           |                 |           |           |

Spartanburg 1 School District P. O. Box 218 Campobello, SC 29322



Grades K-12

Enrollment: 4.381 Students

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# THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual District Report Card

2002

#### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

District One Schools expects our second round of report cards to continue to reflect quality teaching and learning. Historically, our test scores are among the top scores in South Carolina and we anticipate the same for 2001–2002. This is a direct result of the efforts of our students, parents, teachers, administrators, and every person in the lives of our students.

Our district's vision includes: safe, successful havens of learning; innovative programs and state-of-the-art curricula to constantly improve the delivery of instruction; and student, teacher and school accomplishments at a 'world class' level.

Safety is paramount in District One, as our record reflects. Modern surveillance systems and resource officers are in place at each school. However, our greatest safety asset is the attitude of our students, parents, and staff. They are vigilant and quick to report anything suspicious that might lead to an unsafe situation.

State-of-the-art curricula and technology as well as teacher training continue to be a top priority. Last year we added two-way distance learning labs to our two high schools, enabling us to offer courses from other high schools and universities across the state and nation. Again last year, our middle school students were among the best junior scholars in Spartanburg County. Our seniors were accepted at the most prestigious universities in America and were offered million's of dollars in scholarships.

Students, teachers, schools and our district received numerous awards for outstanding achievement. Several schools received recognition for literacy and our district received the state Literacy Spot Award. One of only two South Carolina high schools recognized as Exemplary Writing schools was in District One. Our students received numerous art and music awards. Athletic programs were very successful and included a state championship in baseball.

State budget cuts combined with additional program needs and unfunded mandates are among our greatest challenges in maintaining our quality school system. We are facing unprecedented student enrollment that exceeds our current classroom capacity. Last year we added 23 portable classrooms. Obtaining community support to meet our building needs is among our most critical tasks for the near future.

In summary, we had an excellent year, but our goal is continuous improvement. To do this we must continue to hire and keep the best teachers, use instructional time wisely, and involve parents and community members in a meaningful way in our schools. We greatly appreciate your continued support of District One.

Jimmy Littlefield, Superintendent

#### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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